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## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

#### A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers

The dog poisoner is now working at Visalia.

Another woolen mill, to employ 75 hands will soon be established at Petaluma by L. Walker of San Francisco.

It is reported that at least five salmon canneries are to be established in Southwestern Alaskan waters this season.

Niles reports a light frost, but no damage. The outlook at present is the best in 35 years for a heavy fruit and grain yield.

Prof. Bernard Moses and the other members of the Philippine Commission are to be banqueted at San Francisco Thursday, April 12.

The San Bernardino police are at present contributing money to the city treasury through the fines of opium dealers and smokers raided.

J. B. Inderriden of Chicago, a wealthy business man on a western pleasure tour with his wife and four daughters are in San Francisco.

Christian Joy Peeples - California, has been appointed an assistant paymaster in the navy as a result of a recent competitive examination in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Health Department has decided to carry its work of inspection and cleaning-up beyond Chinatown, through the so-called Latin quarter.

The track of the Valley railway, owned by the Santa Fe company, has reached Point Richmond and the line is now continuous from Bakersfield to the sea.

The San Jose Lumber Society, which, the Mercury says, has been in a dormant condition since the resignation of Mrs. Loomis, the active secretary, met for reorganization.

Raisin growers of El Cajon Valley met to listen to T. C. White of Fresno, one of the five directors of the Raisin Growers' Association, and signed the contracts in large numbers.

All of the I.O.O.F. lodges of Sonoma county will be the guests of the Santa Rosa lodge on April 26, the eighty-first anniversary of the establishment of the organization in the United States.

The cyclists of Napa and Vallejo are determined that the cycle path between the two cities shall be built, and about sixty enthusiasts of Napa have begun the work of grading, under competent direction.

The Lake Tahoe and San Francisco Water Company yesterday submitted to the public utilities committee of the board of supervisors a proposition to furnish San Francisco with water from the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Tulare is having a boom of a peculiar kind. The Californian says that although the town itself is declining the price of houses is going up, owing to the fact that they are in great demand to move to other places.

The carriers for the new rural routes about Fresno have been selected. Special Agent Howard says that there is room for at least three more rural delivery routes there and for these the Chamber of Commerce intends to petition.

Thomas J. Kirk, State Superintendent of Schools, has indorsed President Benjamin Ide Wheeler's statement with regard to the State text-books. He says that, with one or two exceptions, they are behind the times and seriously defective.

President William Thomas of the California Water and Forest association reports that the subscriptions made recently to the funds of the association indicate a general willingness to assist in the impounding of the flood waters of the State.

The Chronicle reports that the rights of way for the proposed new railroad to connect Vallejo with some point on Clear Lake, Lake county, are rapidly being secured. A fast boat service will connect the Vallejo end of the route with San Francisco.

The steamer Belgian King, due shortly at San Francisco, carries 100 laborers from Japan; the Gaelic 123, and the China due today, 200. Large gangs are daily arriving at San Francisco from Victoria and overland for Seattle and Tacoma.

An ordinance passed will close up the cemeteries of San Francisco on August 1. Land owned and controlled by the United States government is, however, excepted by the ordinance, so that the burial of soldiers in the Presidio Cemetery will not be interfered with.

Stockton masons refused work on the new cannery and men have been brought in from other places, because no union of bricklayers exists in Stockton and the contractors feared trouble on their contracts in San Francisco if they gave any work to non-union men elsewhere.

Shortly before 1 o'clock one morning at Stockton, a fire broke out in the planing mill of J. E. Hoerl, entirely destroying the plant. There was no insurance on the building and machinery, valued at \$3,000, but material in the mill was covered by insurance amounting to about \$2,000.

Constable Dumas of Fresno has received a telegram from Hillsborough, Washington county, Oregon, stating that J. W. Shanklin, the ex-city clerk wanted for embezzlement, had been arrested and was in jail. Shanklin left Fresno in the spring of 1899 having embezzled over \$1,000 of saloon license money.

A new arrival to join the casual detachment at the Presidio is Le Roy Burton, a full-blooded Apache, who distinguished himself fighting his own tribe, in their uprising under Geronimo and in the Spanish-American war, and who, the Chronicle thinks, will probably be made Gen. Otis' chief of scouts.

The three-story brick building at Second and I streets, Sacramento, occupied by the Modern Milling Company, a concern which grinds sawdust for manufacturing smokeless powder, caught fire and was gutted. The loss will probably reach \$7,000. The building was owned by Seth Gainesley.

It has been discovered that Patrick Hutchinson, who recently committed suicide at San Francisco presumably because he was poor and out of work, left about \$11,000 in money and property. His wealth was found in an old concertina, which contained several bank check books and deeds to valuable real estate.

The Ventura Signal relates that Nimrod Vickers, a citizen of that town, has numerous oil outcroppings on his place, but will not form a company or attempt further development. The contractor for his new building worked into it a lot of bricks that had been used in an oil refinery, and the oil from these is now soaking through the plaster.

The Chronicle says that, of present intentions are carried out, it is probable that, in the near future, the Presidio will scarcely be recognized by those who have visited it. All the wooden barracks are to be torn down, and the old guardhouse removed to a spot fronting the brick barracks, and turned into a canteen, reading-room and clubhouse.

On two after noons of each week, from now until July 1, there will be no street cleaning by the city, in San Francisco. The Merchants' Association has, however, decided to employ a special gang to clean sidewalks and gutters along the principal streets, and the City Street Improvement Company will furnish the service of a watering cart.

The Committee on Floral Parade for the May-day celebration in the Sacramento street fair is receiving many applications for positions in the line of march. The Executive Committee has engaged a well-known decorator, whose services are at the call of any desiring advice on floats or arrangements of booths. Many novel floats are projected.

Articles of incorporation of the Stanford University Training House Corporation were filed Saturday at San Jose. The objects of the incorporation are to advance social intercourse among members; to foster an interest in athletic sports among the students, and to erect, equip and maintain, at the university, a permanent training-house and athletic field.

A Durban dispatch says the British cruiser Terrible has sailed for China. The first step toward what is believed will ultimately result in a coast-bound passenger rate war between continental lines was taken when the Canadian Pacific accepted a large party destined for Washington through the Buffalo gateway at less than tariff.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

### The News of the State, Nation and the World

### MOST INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

#### From Everywhere will be found in this Column. Items that Interest Everybody

Spokane, Wash., has a spring building boom.

There are 26 immigrant trains en route on the Canadian Pacific to Winnipeg loaded with settlers and their effects.

The affairs of Chief Clarence of the Mosquito Territory, the pensioner of the British government who is being sued for debts, have assumed such an acute stage that he has appealed to the Jamaican government for assistance. Only the skill of his lawyer prevents his incarceration.

Sacramento is making extensive preparations for her street fair. The Record-Union says: "All arrangements have not yet been completed. On May day, however, the grandest floral parade ever seen in California will attend the Queen of the May in her triumphal march throughout the city."

A telegram from Evanston (Wyo.) to the sheriff's office at Bisbee (Ariz.) announces the arrest there of Matt Burns, one of the robbers who held up the Southern Pacific train at Cochise last September. He with Stiles, the confessed robber, did the work, while Alford and Downing who are in the jail at Tombstone, were accomplices.

THE BELGIAN HARE CHAMPION MAGAZINE is a 70-page magazine devoted entirely to the Belgian hare. Subscribe now, only 50 cents a year. After May 10, price of one year's subscription will be one dollar. Mrs. A. M. Bush, Editor. Address all communications to the BELGIAN HARE CHAMPION PUBLISHING CO., 252-253 Wilson Bldg., Los Angeles. Single copies 10 cents.

San Francisco is in a quandry, the city charter calling for the fixation of rates of the tax levy on or before the last Monday in June, while the statute of the State makes the date for determination of rates the third Monday in September. The statute also provides that the State Board of Equalization shall meet and fix the State levy between the first and second Mondays of the same month.

A Tacoma man is making money in a small lumber mill in Alaska. The mill, which was packed in over the trail two years ago, requires but two men to run it, and can saw boards but two feet wide, at the outside. But the demand upon it was so great that it made \$30,000 last year and its owner recently refused an offer of \$150 per thousand for the 60,000 feet of lumber he has on hand.

President Wheeler of Berkeley stated at a recent meeting at San Francisco of the Finance Committee of the new Commercial Museum, that the latter will be "a kind of clearinghouse of opportunities." He illustrated this remark from observations made at the Philadelphia Museum. For instance, word was received there, that 12,000 tons of coal were wanted at Hamburg. Firms in the coal trade were notified, and within three hours a contract was made by cable.

Entomologist Lonsbury of Cape Colony has written County Entomologist Ehrhorn of San Jose county, concerning a Cape Colony parasite which feeds upon the black scale. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Senator Perkins, who has interested Secretary Wilson in the matter, and, as a result as many as possible of the parasites are to be procured and sent Mr. Ehrhorn, who will colonize them in the olive orchards of his county. If they thrive there, the other counties of the State can be supplied from these colonies.

Analyses just completed by members of the department of agriculture of the University of California prove that the yellow-blossoming alkali weed, otherwise known as the tall tar weed, which most Californians regard as a pest, is in reality an extremely valuable forage plant. It has nearly twice the percentage of proteins, or flesh formers, contained in wheat hay, and 50 per cent. more than is contained in oat hay. Cattle will not eat the tar weed while it is green, but experiments

made by Louis Bertch of Tulare, in conjunction with the university scientists, show that if the weed is cut and made into hay, stock will eat it greedily and thrive upon it.

#### Telephoned Agreement Valid.

San Francisco.—In an action to recover on a fire insurance policy, Judge Bahrs decided that an agreement made by means of a telephone was valid.

Hospital Corps to be Formed at Fresno. Fresno.—Maj. Russell, surgeon of the Sixth regiment, N. G. C., has received orders from Sacramento to organize here a hospital corps of 20 men. Whether it will be regimental or brigade organization remains to be seen.

#### Honolulu Open.

San Francisco.—The War Department has recognized Honolulu as an open port by ordering the transports soon to sail from here to call there en route to Manila. The Hancock, which sails with the Philippine Commission, April 10, will stop at Honolulu and Guam. The Mead and Grant will also touch at Honolulu.

ORPHEUM. Los Angeles' Family Vaudeville Theatre. Week commencing Monday, April 2.

WALTER JONES and NORMAN WHALLEY, Comedy Specialists. MISSES MCCOY AND SAM MARION, Star Acrobatic Dances; WESTON and YOT, Comedians who talk just enough; NEILSEN SISTERS, Character Vocalists and Duetists; GREAT AMERICAN BIOGRAPH with new Features; MR. and MRS. SIDNEY DREW, in their comedy success, "Love Will Find the Way," FLATOW and LUNN, in their original creation, "Pastimes on the Levee," HOWARD THURSTON, Premier Card Manipulator.

A special Sydney Drew matinee will be given Wednesday afternoon, when beautiful souvenirs of the Drews will be given the ladies present.

Prices never changing—25c and 50c; Gallery 10c. Matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday; 25c to any part of the house; Gallery 10c; Children 10c any seat.

#### Important to the Coast.

Washington.—The Senate passed an important bill authorizing the President to appoint a commission of five persons to investigate the commercial opportunities for the United States in China, Japan and adjacent countries. The commissioners, the bill specifies, are to be chosen from the Eastern, Middle, Southern, Western and Pacific Coast States, respectively, and their pay will be \$5,000 per annum.

#### New British Columbia Road to be Pushed.

New Whatcom (Wash.)—Work on the extension of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia railway will soon begin. The branch starts at Sumas, 24 miles from here, on the international boundary line, and runs eastward on the American side 24 miles to Boulder creek, where the Cornell coal mines are situated. These mines have been purchased by P. B. Cornwall, Alvinza Hayward, and D. O. Mills, the owners of the railroad.

#### Santa Fe Cannot be Completed into San Francisco by the Fifteenth of April.

The Santa Fe will not be in San Francisco with its through line by April 15, as has been expected. The fact is that the line may not be ready to accommodate freight and passengers into Point Richmond much before July 1.

General Manager W. G. Nevin and several others of the leading Santa Fe officials are just home from a trip of inspection over the new road, and they give it out that a great deal of work in building terminals must be done before the line into San Francisco can be ready to handle traffic.

#### Its Back is Broken.

New York.—Under the caption, "What to Do With the Philippines," Gen. Joseph Wheeler contributes to Leslie's Weekly a lengthy article on the situation in the islands, as he observed it during his service there. He says in part: "I believe that the back of the rebellion in the Philippines is broken; there will be little more to do in a military way. There will be some guerrilla warfare, but it will not amount to much. As for Aguinaldo, I don't consider him a patriot. He was fighting for a great prize. Had he won, he would have been a powerful emperor, a mighty dictator. As far as possible, I believe that we should establish civil government in the Philippines."

#### In the Oil Fields.

Oil operators in the Western field are excited over the opening of another flowing well in their district. The new gusher is the well just bored by the Oceanic company. It began flowing when a depth of 1,150 feet had been reached and a stratum of oil had been drilled into 150 feet. Oil began gushing forth much as water from an artesian well. It is estimated that 100 barrels of oil ran into the sump hole before the hole was plugged. The latter did not prevent escape of all oil, for all day the oil worked out around the plug and a steady stream was watched by a number of people who visited the gusher. It is stated that this is the deepest flowing well yet found in the Los Angeles field. The 200-barrel well of the Los Angeles Railway company was found in this same district and but 100 yards distant from the new gusher. Several more wells are to be bored at once on this land by the Oceanic. In the meantime, it is well worth a trip to Ocean View avenue and Coronado street to see a deep well pumped by the unseen forces below.

The Los Angeles Railway is putting two new wells down adjoining the Oceanic company's ground, and the O'Donnell Bros. have a well in this vicinity.

The governing board of the Oil Exchange has reached a decision as to what constitutes a legal delivery of oil stock. The board holds that delivery is complete when the certificate of stock has been properly indorsed, signed, stamped and turned over to the buyer.

With reference to futures, the board holds that "All time contracts date from the day succeeding the day of the transaction."

A committee has been appointed to arrange a system of classifying the oils throughout the state, with reference to their special gravity.

Reports from the work of the California Oil Company, operating in the Newhall district, are to the effect that its first well is down 200 feet, and is 65 feet in the oil sand. The oil is of a heavy quality, and lighter grades of oil are expected at a greater depth. The operations of the company are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily.

The Riverside Press reports that operations will begin at once on land belonging to H. P. Kyes, by a company of men who have had extensive experience in eastern oil fields. A full outfit of the latest design for drilling has been ordered and the work will be done in a manner that will thoroughly test the territory.

The Riverside Enterprise is authority for excellent reports from the drilling operations at Moreno. At a depth of 550 feet a stratum of clay was encountered which is said to be very rich in petroleum. While not expecting to get a quantity of oil in the present well, which was sunk for water, the indications at this depth are very flattering for the production of oil in the immediate neighborhood.

#### Southern California is to be Included

At a meeting of the executive committee of the California Miners' association held in San Francisco, the matter of eliminating Southern California from the operations of the California mineral lands bill was discussed and resolutions adopted, expressing the movement put forth by the enemies of Southern California. The bill receiving the support of the California Miners' association is to include the entire state within its provisions.

Among other things brought out, it seems that there are over 3,000,000 acres of land covered by the Southern Pacific land grant in the Los Angeles district, to say nothing of what is included within the Visalia and Independence land districts of Southern California. Of this 60-mile strip of land along the railroad, from the San Fernando valley to Yuma, there are very few acres of any value for other than mining purposes.

The patents that have issued for portions of this land amount to almost nothing, and taxes are not paid upon any part of the unpatented grant.

The bill, if adopted by the United States, will authorize the appointment of a commission to segregate the mineral from the non-mineral lands by legal subdivisions, and where lands are classified as mineral they are to be withdrawn from the grant and other lands given in lieu of them.

The prompt action taken by the Southern California branch of the California Miners' association has resulted in securing for the south equal rights with the north, and, furthermore, has given a wider publicity to the rapid development made in the mineral resources of the southern counties in the last few years.

Redlands has a new city directory.